REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated July 18, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 18, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 25-30, 32, and 33 remain pending in the application and are shown above. Claims 21-24 and 34-39 have been cancelled and claims 25-30, 32, and 33 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 21-24 and 34-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 21-24 and 34-39 have been cancelled.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 21-24, 36, and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Cook, et al.*, 20040045616. Claims 21-24, 36, and 38 have been cancelled.

Claims 21-23, 36, and 38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by *Cumming*, et al., 6,070,671. Claims 21-23, 36, and 38 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 25-30, 32, and 33 are allowed.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed. In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed.

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